

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 31, 2005  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Gerald Pease (D)

##### **Members Absent:**

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 314, 1/20/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON SB 314**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. LANE LARSON (D)**, SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 314**, Revise law governing irrigation district commissioner.

**EXHIBIT**(ags24a01)

00:02:36

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. Don Bottrell**, Hysham Irrigation District  
**Mr. Brent Icopini**, Member, Icopini Farms Inc.  
**Mr. Jim Bennett**, Landowner  
**Mr. Bart Icopini**, Hysham Irrigation District

00:07:56

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. Mike Murphy**, Montana Water Resources Association

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:11:48

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:40

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([ags24aad0.TIF](#))**